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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Notice regarding compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 dated November 20, 2001. A one month extension is being requested which will extend the time the response is due from December 20, 2001 to January 20, 2002.

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Charge \$55.00 to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 524182000400.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 524182000400. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 18, 2002

Bv:

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